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APPLICATION NO.: 09/182,862

EXAMINER: Huy Mai

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TITLE OF INVENTION: Auxiliary Lenses for Eyeglasses

CURRENT STATUS AND LOCATION OF APPLICATION: Technology Group 2800

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PROTEST UNDER 37 CFR 1.291(a)

We would like to call attention to the following prior art document which, in our opinion, would make the grant of a patent for the above reissue application improper: a Japanese patent registered (issued) on March 3, 1995 and published on May 16, 1995, based on an application filed

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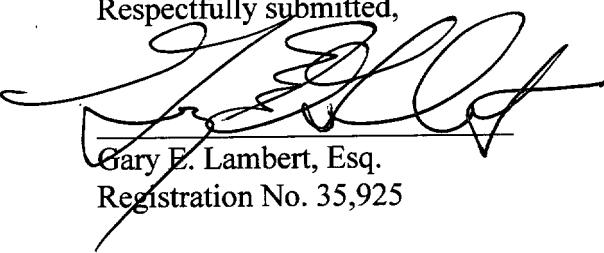
on November 15, 1994 by Boston Club Co. Ltd. (Boston Club). The Japanese Utility Model Registration Number is 3011174 and the Japanese application number is 6-15226.

A copy of both the Japanese patent and an English translation are attached as Exhibits 1 and 2 respectively. In addition, an Information Disclosure Sheet is attached as Exhibit 3.

As an issued patent, the Boston Club patent lies within 35 U.S.C. 102(a) and 103(a) for its public disclosure. While the Boston Club patent is relevant individually, it is especially relevant when examined in combination with the Sunreeve patent, which was included in an Information Disclosure Sheet submitted by the applicant in this Reissue. Specifically, the Boston Club patent teaches top-down eyewear frames coupling while the Sunreeve patent discloses auxiliary to primary frames, coupled by magnets lying parallel to the plane of the lens.

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